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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM'S PROBLEMS IN NEW ZEALAND

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1. ON DECEMBER 18 E/C COUNSELOR RECEIVED COPY OF A LETTER DATED DECEMBER 61 FROM MR. DAVID R. MORGAN, DIRECTOR, PAN AM NEW ZEALAND TO MR. R. J. POLASCHECK, SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, NZ MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT:

"AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH MY HEAD OFFICE I WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT

THE FOLLOWING IN CONNECTION WITH NEW ZEALAND FARE MATTERS:

"PAN AMERICAN DISAGREES WITH THE POSITION OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT IN REQUIRING PAN AMERICAN TO PAY AGENTS COMMISSIONS FOR TRAVEL ORIGINATING IN NEW ZEALAND THAT WERE AGREED UPON BY A MAJORITY OF CARRIERS - BUT NO PAN AMERICAN - IN NIC LAST APRIL. PAN AMERICAN HAD INITIALLY REFRAINED FROM APPLYING THESE COMMISSIONS ON THE BASIS OF LEGAL ADVISE THAT IT WAS NOT UNDER A DUTY TO DO SO UNDER INTERNATIONAL OR NEW ZEALAND LAW.

"HOWEVER, PAN AMERICAN CERTAINLY WISHES TO COMPLY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT WITH NEW ZEALAND LAW, AND DOES NOT DESIRE TO EXACERBATE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT BY PROTRACTING THIS ISSUE. THEREFORE, PAN AMERICAN WILL FILE AND WE WILL BEGIN PAYING SUCH COMMISSIONS AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFECTIVE DATE. WHILE THIS COMMITMENT IS UNCONDITIONAL PAN

AMERICAN, OF COURSE HOPES, THAT AFTER PROPER OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW, THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND WILL ACCEPT THE NEW IATA COMMISSIONS AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS IN GENEVA, AND WHICH IS PLANNED FOR EFFECTIVENESS FEBRUARY 1ST, 1976.

"PAN AMERICAN ALSO BELIEVES THATWITH SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL TIME AS ALLOWED UNDER THE NEW ZEALAND/UNITED STATE BILATERAL, PAN AMERICAN COULD RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES IT HAS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED NEW ZEALAND/UNITED KINGDOM SPECIAL FARES. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, PAN AMERICAN IS WILLING TOFILE FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT NEW FARE LEVELS OF SPECIAL GOVERNMENT ORDERED FARES WITH PREVIOUSLY EXISTING CONDITIONS.

"PAN AMERICAN IS THEN WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND, OR TO NEGOTIATE WITH AIR NEW ZEALAND/BRITISH AIRWAYS, IF SO AUTHORISED BY THE UNITED STATES C.A.B., IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT COMPROMISE ON THESE CONDITIONS, WHICH WILL STILL ALLOW PAN AMERICAN A REASONABLE PARTICIPATION IN THIS TRAFFIC.

"WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE".

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

2. EMBASSY WILL SEND POLASCHEK'S REPLY TO EMBASSY LETTER (REFTEL) AND THE ABOVE QUOTED LETTER WHEN THIS IS RECEIVED. SELDEN

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